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1804 Commentary

Robert W. Julian's exciting disclosures from the Archives are an important addition to the 1804 saga. These are the lucky finds which reward the tedium of those who conduct historical numismatic research in depth.

Mr. Julian presents a theory that the dies for the 1804 dollar were cut in 1831 without a date on the obverse die and that the date was added to the obverse die in 1834. Although the facts he has presented do not in my opinion include any evidence that this occurred, his theory is a speculation in which he sincerely believes. Some of us feel inclined to hold to the 1834 date for the entire 1804 die cutting until factual proof indicates otherwise.

As to the article of James Risk in the November, 1969 issue of *The Numismatist*, D. Paul Taxay and I are also preparing a rebuttal. Since I was familiar with and planned to use some of R. W. Julian's findings in that rebuttal a postponement was in order so that R. W. Julian could have his research published first.

Watch for the next round.

Eric P. Newman

Mint of the United States
Philada April 13th 1831

Hon. S. D. Ingham
Secy of the Treasury
Sir,

I forward herewith a specification of the coins issued from the Mint up to the 31st December 1830 which will meet the wishes of Mr. Howard. If his purpose is only to use it as a guide in searching for specimens of each variety, the number of pieces coined in the several years is a surplusage. But I am not certain that he had not some statistical inquiries also in mind.

A letter from Mr. Madison to my predecessor, under date of May 1st 1806, of which a copy is enclosed, contains the authority under which the coinage of Dollars was suspended. The Mint appears to have had intercourse with the Executive, at that period, through the Department of State, except in regard to its fiscal concerns.

The argument in favour of this suspension, has within a few years, lost much of its force. In illustration of this, I may mention a recent occurrence of a novel character. We received on the 28th ulto two deposits

for coinage, about \$24,000 in Spanish Dollars from Canton, being returns of Commercial adventures, which were thus remitted by the instruction of the parties, in preference to the ordinary products of China. To guard against our silver coins straying to Canton, the above mentioned provision was devised as its principal aim, and was, I believe judicious for the purpose.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Saml Moore

Secretary Ingham discussed the matter with President Jackson and as a result sent the following message to Moore:

Treasury Dep^t
April 18th 1831

Sir

Having submitted to the President your letter of the 13th inst., I am directed to instruct you, that, as there no longer exists any cause for suspending the coinage of Dollars, the directions which have been heretofore given for that object are to be considered as no longer in force.

I have the honor to be